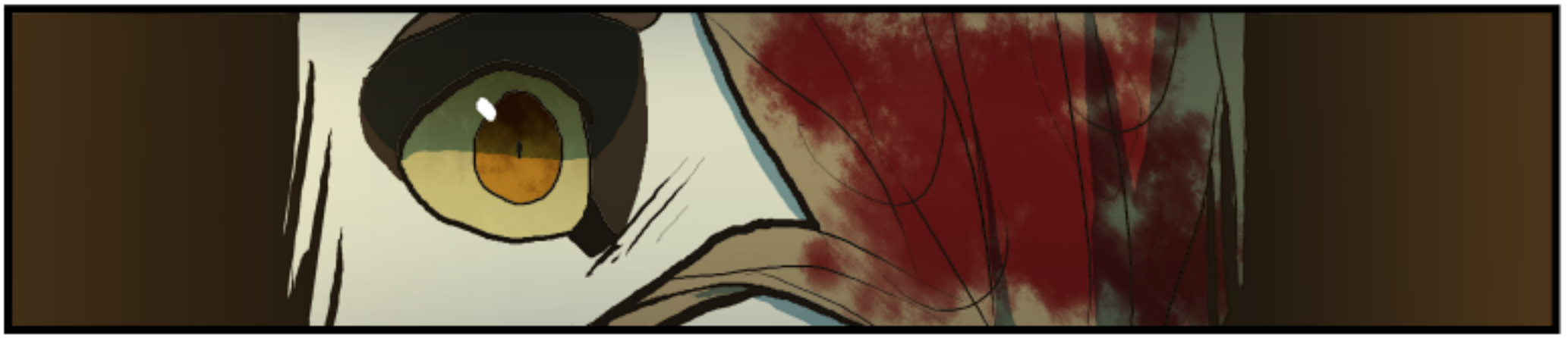
PROLOGUE
ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS GET RID OF THE TRESPASSERS AT SNAKEROCKS.
WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING SO BRAVE...
BLUESTAR WILL HAVE TO MAKE US WARRIORS!

BRIGHTPAW!
LET HER GO!
SWIFTPAW.

FATE HAS DECREED YOU DIE TODAY.
BUT...
LET'S CHANGE FATE, SHALL WE?
WITH THIS LIFE I GIVE YOU...



CHAPTER 1

SWIFTPAW!

YOU'RE ALIVE!

I CAN'T...

I CAN'T MOVE MY HEAD!

MY SKULL'S SPLITTING APART!

SHH, IT'S OKAY.

BRIGHTPAW!

AAAAAHH!

SWIFTPAW!

GASP
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WHERE'S BRIGHTPAW?

WHERE IS SHE?

CALM DOWN.

BRIGHTPAW...

WE DON'T KNOW.

IT'S BEEN A FEW DAYS...

HER CONDITION IS STABLE.

BUT SHE HAS YET TO WAKE.

SHE...

...MIGHT NOT MAKE IT.

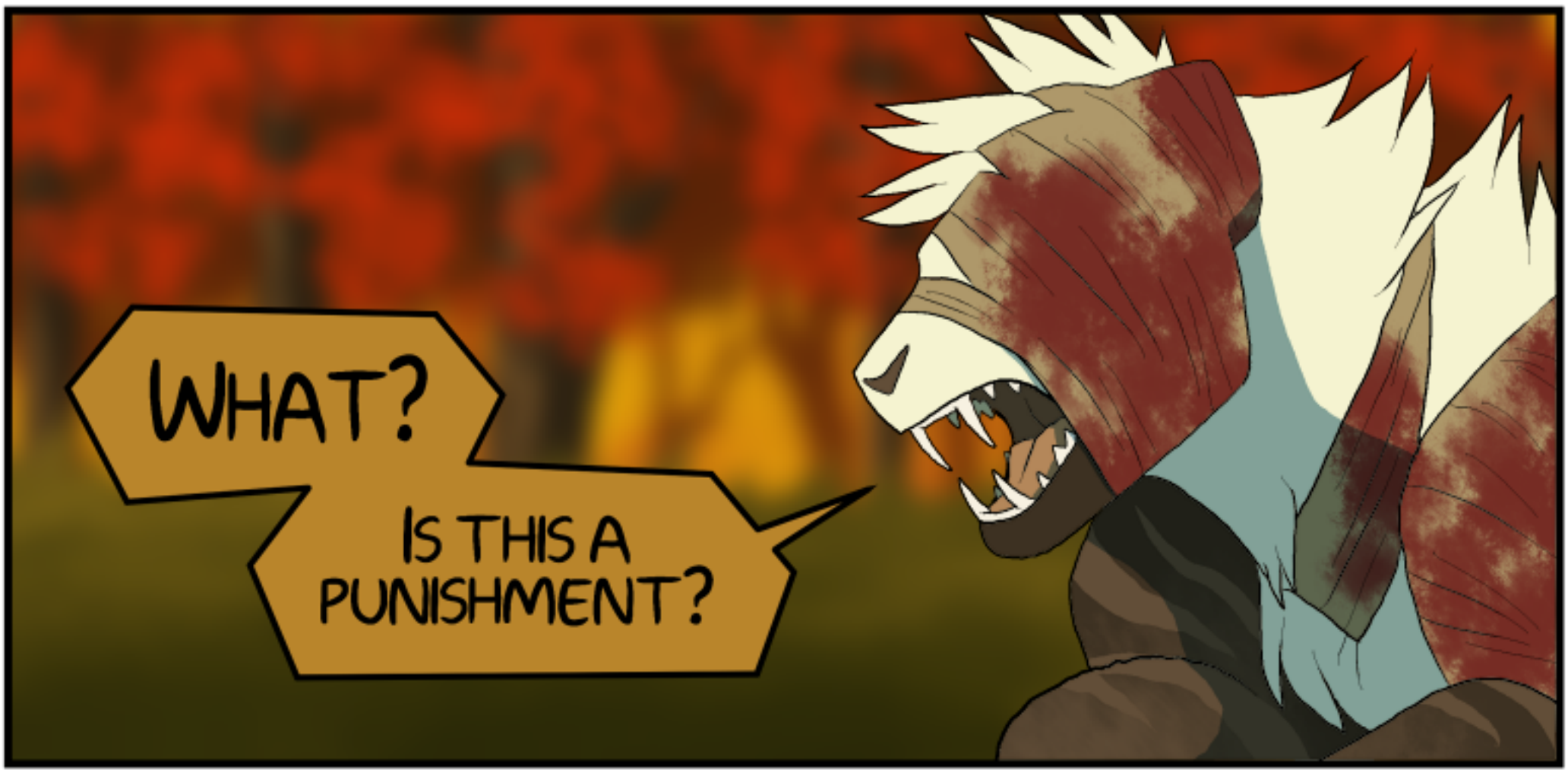
NO...

...IT'S ALL MY FAULT.
I DRAGGED HER INTO THIS.
WE JUST WANTED TO BE WARRIORS.

SHH, STOP TRYING TO MOVE.

BRIGHTPAW... HAS BEEN NAMED A WARRIOR.

I TOLD BLUESTAR NOT TO GIVE YOU YOURS YET.
TOLD HER YOU WEREN'T READY.


WHAT?
IS THIS A PUNISHMENT?

BRIGHTPAW...

...HAS BEEN NAMED LOSTFACE.

...YOU'RE KIDDING.

...I HAVE TO SEE HER.

NO, SWIFTPAW.

YOU CAN'T MOVE, AND SHE HASN'T WOKEN UP YET.

IN THE MEANTIME

WHAT CAN YOU TELL US?

WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER?

I....

I-I DON'T...

KILL

KILL

KILL

KILL

KILL

KILL

KILL

I CAN'T...

I CAN'T REMEMBER!

I'M NOT SURPRISED.

YOU SUSTAINED SUBSTANTIAL HEAD TRAUMA.

IS THAT WHY I'M LIKE THIS?

...I DON'T KNOW.

I HAVE TO CHECK ON LOSTFACE.

LONGTAIL, CAN YOU WATCH SWIFTPAW?

SURE.

WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO ME?

. . . I DON'T KNOW.

BEEN HEARING THAT A LOT.

SO WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?

. . . YOU HAVE A FEW WOUNDS.

. . . BAD?

THEY'LL HEAL.
JUST GIVE IT TIME.

...WHAT HAPPENED TO ME?

THAT'S WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW.

YOU MAY HAVE TO MOVE IN TO THE ELDER'S DE--

NO.

I'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO BE A WARRIOR.

I WON'T BE USELESS!

YOU MUST BE HUNGRY.

I'LL GET YOU SOME FOOD.

...LONGTAIL?

...I DON'T WANT TO LIVE LIKE THIS.

IF IT LOOKS LIKE I WON'T RECOVER

AND I'M GOING TO BE LIKE THIS FOREVER

CAN SOME CAT ...

I MEAN, COULD YOU--

YOU SHOULDN'T THINK LIKE THAT.

YOU'RE SAFE HERE.

WE'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU.

BUT WHAT IF--

STOP IT.

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DIE.

WHETHER YOU WANT TO OR NOT.

YOU'RE GOING TO RECOVER.

YOU'RE GOING TO BE OKAY.

YOU'RE STRONG.

YOU'LL GET THROUGH THIS.

NOW GET SOME REST.